



WELLESLEY NATURAL  
RESOURCES COMMISSION

# Insights from Outside

## April 2019

### Calling All Naturalists!



Mark your calendars for **Friday April 26 through Monday April 29** to join the NRC and the [Wellesley Conservation Council](#) for the City Nature Challenge 2019. This bio-blitz encourages citizen scientists from all across the globe to get outside and document wildlife and vegetation in their hometowns. It's easy with the free [iNaturalist app](#). Download it and give it a whirl!

[Click here to see](#) where data collection teams will be coordinated at Wellesley's parks and open spaces throughout the weekend of the 26th. Join in or go it alone in your neighborhood park or your own backyard.

Intrigued? Come to the optional informational meeting **April 23 at 6pm in the Wakelin Room at the Wellesley Free Library** to learn even more.

[Click here](#) for information about City Nature Challenge. [Contact us](#) with any

### Celebrate Earth Day with Wellesley Girl Scout Troop 73505!



Wellesley Girl Scout Troop 73505 and [Wellesley Green Schools](#) are proud to launch the **Earth Day 2019 "IT'S VITAL NOT TO IDLE"** campaign. They're partnering with the Wellesley Police, Health Department, Board of Selectmen, Department of Public Works, Municipal Light Plant, Sustainable Energy Committee, NRC, and many other town departments and organizations throughout Wellesley to spread the word that not only is idling against the law, it's also unhealthy - especially for children around school car lines. Learn about the harmful effects of idling [here](#), and watch for the Girl Scouts around town as they spread the word on why IT'S VITAL NOT TO IDLE!

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**Take A Hike!**



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## Wellesley Rain Barrel Program



Rain Barrels are still available for order, but only until May 5th at midnight. Don't delay, you can start saving money and help the planet by conserving water and reducing stormwater runoff. Learn more and order yours by clicking [here](#).

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## Don't Miss Dr. Spencer Meyer of the Harvard Forest!

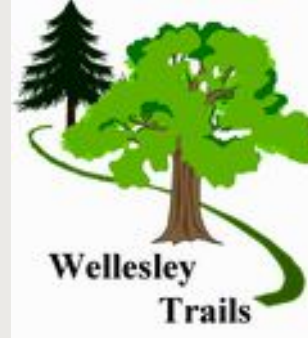


The Wellesley Conservation Council proudly presents Dr. Spencer Meyer for its Spring Lecture,

### **COMMUNITY CONSERVATION: Health, Climate, and Economic Benefits**

Monday April 22, 7:00pm, Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library.

This event is co-sponsored by the NRC and the Wellesley Free Library. Visit the [Wellesley Conservation Council](#) web site for more information.



Join the [Wellesley Trails Committee](#) on one of their legendary guided hikes. Dates include:

**April 28 Sunday, 10:00-11:15 AM**  
Sudbury Path & Needham Aqueduct Trail

**May 5 Sunday, 2:00-3:00 PM**  
Hemlock Gorge & Echo Bridge

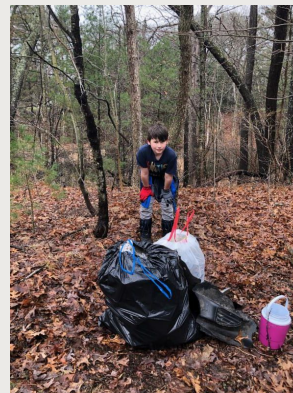
**May 18 Saturday, 9:00-10:15 AM**  
Lower Falls

**June 1 Saturday, 9:00-10:00 AM**  
Beard Trail

Visit their [Guided Walks and Events page](#) for more information.

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## Be Part of Wellesley's Spring Cleaning!



Lots of opportunities abound to help rid our town of litter. A huge thanks to the many volunteers who have already participated in spring cleanups. See below for how you can be part of this effort.

**Residents:** Join the NRC on **Saturday April 27** for the annual [Charles River Clean Up Day, 9am-12pm](#) behind the office building at 1 Washington Street. To sign up and learn more email us at



## Get a New Tree For Your Yard



Trees are still available. Call us now to set up a site visit to discuss how you can grow your neighborhood forest by having a new tree planted in your yard by the Town's professional arborists.

[Read more](#) about this years' options, which include a *Cladrastis kentukea* (Yellowwood) tree like the fascinating one below on Kirkland Circle.



Help preserve and grow our town's important tree canopy by calling the NRC at 781-431-1019, ext. 2294.

**High School Students:** Contact the [Key Club](#) for volunteer opportunities.

**Business Owners:** Help clean up Route 9 and get credit for your efforts by "Adopting a Highway." Learn more about the State's program [here](#), and [contact the NRC](#) to partner with us.

**Everyone:** The [North 40 Vernal Pool](#) boardwalk construction project is gearing back up after a short hiatus which accommodated our amphibian associates. [Contact the NRC](#) for volunteer dates and times.

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### NRC Offering Free "Healthy Yard" Signs!



You may have seen these new signs popping up around town, part of the NRC's [Grow Green Wellesley](#) initiative. Eliminate toxic pesticides and fertilizers from your yard, and [email](#) us to get your Healthy Yard sign delivered!

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### Dinner and a Movie with Sustainable Wellesley



***STINK! The Movie the Chemical Industry  
Doesn't Want You to See***



Join Sustainable Wellesley and the NRC on **Tuesday May 21** for their *Dinner and a Movie* series held at the Wellesley Free Library. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for (free) dining; the movie starts at 6:45 p.m. **Seats are limited, [learn more and register here.](#)**

## MEETING CALENDAR

### Upcoming NRC Meetings:

- Thursday April 25th: 7 PM, Warren Building
- Thursday May 9th: 7 PM, Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall
- Thursday May 23rd: 7 PM, Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall

### Wetlands Meetings:

- Thursday April 18th: 630 PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Department
- Thursday May 9th: 630 PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Department
- Thursday May 23rd: 630 PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Department

### Trails Meetings:

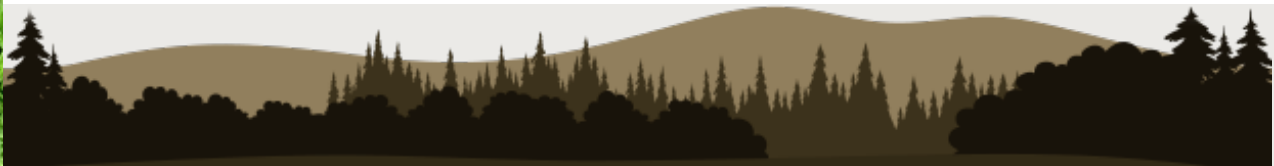
- Tuesday April 23rd: 7 PM, NRC Office, Town Hall basement

### **Wellesley Green Collaborative Meeting, Thursday May 9; 9:15 to 11:00 am**

Come at 9:00 for Networking! Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library

**Featured Topic:** Electricity as a Pathway to Emissions Reduction

**Special Guest Speaker:** David Farnsworth of the Regulatory Assistance Project



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